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INSPECTIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

At the Board of Supervisors' meeting held December 14, 2004, during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Ms. Marge Weems addressed the Board regarding inspections by the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control. Supervisor Antonovich requested that the CAO report back to the Board regarding Ms. Weems comments.

My staff has discussed this matter with Ms. Marcia Mayeda, Director of Animal Care and Control. On June 18, 2003, Ms. Weems was convicted of the following counts in the Los Angeles Superior Court:

1. Cruelty to animals
2. Permitting animals to go without care
3. Unsanitary conditions
4. Failure to provide veterinary care
5. License violation

The Court imposed 14 conditions of probation effective for a three year period, including the condition that she subject "her property to unannounced inspections by law enforcement and Animal Control Officers..." and that she "participate in a mandatory Court approved counseling program pursuant to Penal Code Section 597(g)."

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Ms. Weems also mentioned that in one inspection of her property, her adult daughter was asked for a date by one of the Animal Control Officers. Ms. Mayeda is currently investigating this allegation, and will take any appropriate action when the investigation is complete.

Ms. Mayeda is unaware of what the "whistle blower" allegations are that Ms. Weems refers to in her testimony, therefore she is unable to comment on that issue.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call Ernie Miyamoto of my staff at (213) 974-1178.

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